Inter-State road proposals from Rajasthan

†2673. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) wehther it is a fact that six proposals of Rs. 18.74 crores relating to Inter-State roads of Rajasthan are pending with Government;

(b) whether five estimates regarding Inter-State roads are pending with Government for technical and financial approval;

(c) whether Government have yet to release an outstanding amount of Rs. 3.18 crore as per the demand of the State Government of Rajasthan;

(d) if so, by when these proposals would be approved, the estimates sanctioned and the outstanding amount released by Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No, Sir. A list of 12 proposals amounting to Rs. 28.85 crore have been received in the Ministry for 'in principle' approval under Inter State Connectivity (ISC) Scheme for the year 2006-07. Out of these, only six proposals amounting to Rs. 15.08 crore could be agreed 'in principle' for the year 2006-07, keeping in view *inter-se*-priority of works and availability of funds.

(b) No, Sir. Three estimates have been sanctioned and two estimates have been returned for modification.

(c) No, Sir. During the year 2006-07, Rs. 6.67 crore has been relesed depending upon the progress of the sanctioned works.

(d) At present no estimate/release is pending in the Ministry.

(e) Does not arise.

Inland Water Transport in AP

2674. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether his Ministry have received any proposals from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of inland waterways and inland water transport in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the complete details of such proposals;

(c) the details of the impediments in timely clearance of these proposals; and

(d) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) A proposal for conducting survey and techno-economic feasibility study for development of inland waterways in Andhra Pradesh at a cost of Rs. 75 lakhs was received from the State Government during March, 2005 for sanction under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). The proposal envisaged survey and techno-economic feasibility study of following canals of the State:—

(i) Backwaters of River Gowtami Godavari—50km
(ii) Gannavaram Bank canal (Rajahmundry to Sakinetipalli)—90 kms
(iii) Amalapuram canal (Rajahmundry to Amalapuram)—80 kms
(iv) Kotipalli Bank canal (Rajahmundry to Yanam)—90kms
(v) Samalkota canal (Rajahmundry to Kakinada)—65kms
(vi) Korangi canal (Rajahmundry to Kakinada)—90kms
(vii) Machilipatnam canal (Vijayawada to Machilipatnam)—80 kms
(viii) Ryves canal (Vijayawada to Kaikaluri)—100 kms

This project has been sanctioned. As reported by the State Government, the study has been awarded to a consultant and it is in progress.

Modernisation of Directorate General of Shipping

2675. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any effort to include the modernization and updating of the Directorate General (DG) of Shipping under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP);